monitoring the at least one child unit and for determining whether the at least one child unit is within a preselected range, the processor of the parent unit programmed to de-activate the second communicating device of the parent unit and the first communicating device of each of the plurality of child units when certain external communication signals are detected by the second communication device, and controls for selectively controlling the child units to be monitored [and for controlling activation of the child units].

5. (amended) The system of claim 1 [wherein the electronic means comprises] further comprising a first global positioning device associated with the parent unit and a second global positioning device associated with the child unit for providing global positions of the child unit and the parent unit, the global positions for determining a relative position of the child unit with respect to the parent unit.

Please cancel claim 7.

8. (amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one alarm of the parent unit comprises at least one of a speaker, a vibrator and at least one light for indicating when the selected child unit is outside the preselected range.

Please cancel claim 9.

Please cancel claim 10.

16 ~~18~~. (amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said processor of said parent unit is programmed to selectively de-activate [controls comprises means for selective activation of] at least one of the child units, wherein the selective [activation] de-activation includes [means for] deactivating the locator signal of the first communication device.

17 ~~20~~. (added) A system for selectively detecting the presence of a plurality of objects in proximity to a person comprising:

a plurality of child units each having a first communicating device for sending a locator signal and for receiving a control signal;

a parent unit having a second communicating device for receiving the locator signal from at least one of the plurality of child units, a processor for monitoring the at least one child unit and for determining whether the at least one child unit is within a preselected range, a mechanism for temporarily terminating signals between the second communicating device of the parent unit and the first communicating device of each of the plurality of child units, and controls for selectively controlling the child units to be monitored and for controlling activation of the child units.

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~~21~~. (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ wherein the processor of the parent unit comprises a microprocessor.

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~~22~~. (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ wherein the first and second communicating devices comprise a first and a second transceiver.

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~~23~~. (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ further including a first global positioning device associated with the parent unit and a second global positioning device associated with the child unit for providing global positions of the child unit and the parent unit, the global positions for determining a relative position of the child unit with respect to the parent unit.

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~~24~~. (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ wherein the first communicating device of the child unit comprises a control mechanism for sending a signal to the second communicating device for locating the parent unit with the child unit.

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~~25~~. (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ wherein the mechanism temporarily terminates signals between the second communicating device of the parent unit and the first communicating device of each of the plurality of child units when certain external communication signals are detected by the second communication device.

~~26.~~ (added) The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one alarm of the parent unit comprises at least one ~~of~~ a speaker, a vibrator and a light for indicating when the selected child unit is outside the preselected range.

~~27.~~ (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ 17 wherein the parent unit includes an adjustable timer for selecting a period of temporary termination of the communication signals.

~~28.~~ (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ 17 wherein the parent unit includes a tracking mechanism for assisting the person to locate at least one of the plurality of child units with the parent unit.

~~29.~~ (added) The system of claim ~~20~~ 24 wherein the tracking mechanism includes a display for indicating the proximity of the at least one child unit to the parent unit.

~~30.~~ (added) The system of claim ~~1~~ 17 wherein the controls of the parent unit for selectively controlling the child units include a mechanism for adjusting the preselected range at which the at least one alarm will signal the person when the selected child unit is outside of the preselected range.